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## MOSCOW CONSTRUCTION SLOWED DOWN

The Administration Building on Smolenskays Poshchad, under construction since 1949, is scheduled to be completed this year and the "Osobstroy" (Special Construction) Trust and subcontractors of the Ministry of Construction of Heavy Industry Enterprises are carrying out finishing work on the building. However, delay in supplying the builders with detailed drawings and shortage of construction materials makes it doubtful that the building will be ready for occupancy at the scheduled time.

During the first quarter of 1951, only 77.3 percent of the construction plan for the building was completed. In 1951, construction and assembly work on the project will cost 100 million rubles; however, the Ministry of Construction of Heavy Industry Enterprises has allocated only 65 rubles for this purpose.

The "Osobstroy" Trust has also been lagging in the completion of housing construction in Moscow. In 1951, construction workers of the trust promised to complete 7,040 square meters of housing ahead of schedule, including 2,500 square meters by 1 July. However, so far this is just wishful thinking. Construction work has been stopped because of a regulation issued by "Glavtsentrostroy" stating that "it is prohibited to use bricks for housing construction." ... Y. Kostenko, secretary of the Kirov Rayon Committee VKP(b) of Moscow

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